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25X1A 1. Mr. Monagan, of the Plans Division/G-2, Department of the Army, called OCD regarding the Agency's position on S. 750, a bill to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act. At OCD's request, I called Mr. Monagan back. He said that G-2 was attempting to formulate its position on the bill and wanted to query whether we had considered the possibility that, if this legislation were passed, foreign countries might pass similar retaliatory legislation which might prove a matter of harassment to U. S. intelligence. After discussing the matter with Mrs.

[redacted] I informed Mr. Monagan that similar legislation had been on the books for some time without any retaliatory action, and that we felt that the possibility of such action was comparatively slight and a risk which we would have to take. I told him we were hopeful that this legislation would pass. (This legislation has been submitted as an Administration bill by the Department of Justice, and its provisions regarding CIA were included at the request of [redacted]).

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2. Mr. Reynolds, Director of Personnel, and I talked with Joseph Winslow, Administrative Assistant to Chairman Young of the Civil Service Commission, regarding possible Administration action on Executive pay. Mr. Winslow stated that this had been the subject of discussion between Governor Adams in the White House, Mr. Young in his capacity as Personnel Advisor to the President, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and it has been determined that no action will be taken until the Congress has completed action on salaries for Federal employees. At that time consideration will be given to the supergrade structure, and a determination made as to whether Grades 16, 17 and 18 are to be extended to cover the gap between the top of the classification scale and Assistant Secretaries, or whether additional supergrades shall be imposed in the gap. At that time they will also consider the rates to be included in the Executive pay bill and the possibility of reclassifying therein a few misplaced positions, including the Director and Deputy Director of CIA. In connection with the six top positions for CIA, I raised the question as to whether all positions in the Executive pay bill would require Senate confirmation. Mr. Winslow said that while some of them presently did not require Senate confirmation, it was their desire to restrict positions in future Executive pay bills to those requiring either Senate confirmation or at least Presidential appointment. This hurdle will have to be met at an appropriate time because security considerations make it difficult to have certain of our top positions publicly confirmed, and it would be preferable if we did not have to burden the President with the appointments.

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3. Mr. Hyde, of the Bureau of the Budget, called me regarding CIA objections to the proposed Administration draft of a bill which places all Federal training authorities in one piece of legislation. Mr. Hyde, speaking for Mr. Jones, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget for Legislative Reference, suggests that we approach the Civil Service Commission which authored the draft and make an attempt to reach a satisfactory solution with the Commission. If no satisfactory solution is reached, the Bureau of the Budget can then step in. Mr. Hyde asks that in our approach to the Civil Service Commission we do not mention the fact that it was instigated by the Bureau of the Budget but merely approach them directly. I am discussing this matter with DD/S. *(DD/S to call John Macy, CSC)*

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5. Cong. Rodino (D., N.J.), a member of the House Judiciary Committee, has introduced H.J. Res. 76, authorizing the Secretary of State to place into operation a program of sending freedom messages via balloons to the satellite countries, also including small food packages. The Secretary of State would be authorized to use the personnel and facilities of any Department or Agency of the Government to carry out this resolution. No action is predicted on this resolution.

6. Senator Chavez, Chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee, has introduced S. 1290, to authorize the acquisition of certain property in the southwest quarter of Washington, and also provide for the completion of Government buildings in that area. This bill has been referred to DD/S and the Director of Logistics.

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